



# Colby Trojans sophomore takes 31st at meet

The Colby Community College men took 21st out of 35 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association cross country championships on Saturday at Illinois Central college in East Peoria with 531 points.

Sophomore Albert Mon'gony led the Trojans, finishing 31st out of 259 runners with a time of 26 minutes, 34 seconds. Mongony

finished 46th last year with 26:37.

Freshman Trey Dunsirn had the Trojans' second-best time with 27:58. The times of the rest of Colby's runners were as follows: sophomore Lendon Hartshorn, 27:58; freshmen Trey Densirn, 28:35; Freddy Arellano, 28:52; Jacob Plata, 29:23; Robert Robledo, 29:36; and sophomore Ryan Baalman, 29:42.

Rend Lake College of Ina, Ill., finished first overall with 66 points.

Coach James Ortiz said said the team took some positives away from the meet.

"We finished four spots better than the cross country team last year, and all three sophomores had improved times," he said.

The coach said he made sure

that none of his runners went away 100 percent satisfied with the team's performance.

"All year our goal was to finish in the top 20, and we were 9 points off," he said. "I thought we should have come in 18th. I hold these guys to a high standard, but that's because I believe in them."

The Trojans will run in the association's half marathon at 9 a.m.

Saturday at the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

The half marathon is 13.1 miles. The Colby runners will be Mon'gony, Hartshorn, Densirn, Baalman and sophomore Anthony Luna. Luna redshirted this year and will be running during next year's cross country season. The half-marathon is not part of the

regular schedule, so he can participate.

Ortiz said Luna's not as fast as Mon'gony, but he's the fastest American-born runner on the team. The three fastest times will determine the score for each team.

In case of a tie, the teams' fourth-fastest times will be looked at, and so on.

## Junior Eagles squad remains undefeated

The Colby Middle School eighth-grade boys are off to a great start this basketball season. The team is unbeaten at 4-0 and the defense is holding other teams to only 25 points per game.

"Our pressure defense is starting to come around and we are forcing a lot of turnovers," said coach Carson McKee. "We need to work on better passing, because we have had too many turnovers in the first four games. Our big men have gotten a lot more physical since the first practice, and it is showing on rebounds."

And while holding opponents' scores down, the young Eagles are averaging 48 point per game.

The team trailed Grant Junior High School by one at halftime Tuesday in Goodland, but had a strong second half, outscoring the Mustangs by 13 and winning 49-37.

"We really challenged them to play more aggressive on defense," McKee said.

The boys defeated Burlington Middle School from Colorado 56-36, whipped Rawlins County Middle School 51-15 and pounded Hoxie Middle School 44-28.

The middle school will play Oakley Middle School today at the grade school gym, with the seventh-grade game at 4:30 p.m. and the eighth graders at 6 p.m.

## Kansas women's team defeats Iowa Hawkeyes

IOWA CITY (AP) — Danielle McCray scored 20 points and No. 19 Kansas used a late 11-0 run to beat Iowa 66-55 on Wednesday night.

McCray missed nine of her first 10 shots and had only five points at the half. However, the 5-foot-11 senior made several key baskets in the second half and finished 8 for 19 from the field.

"Just calming down," McCray said, explaining the turnaround. "I was going too fast at times. Coach did a good job at halftime of telling us to calm down and don't rush our shots."

All five starters scored in double figures for Kansas (2-0), with Aishah Sutherland finishing with 12 points, Krysten Boogaard 11, Sade Morris 10 and Angel Goodrich 10.

McCray averaged 21.6 points last season when she led the Big 12 Conference in scoring.

"It's hard to limit a player like that," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "She's as good and talented a player as we'll see all year, especially at the wing position."

Trailing 54-51 with 7 minutes to go, Kansas scored 11 straights to gain control. McCray, who led the Big 12 in scoring last season, hit a big 3-pointer during the run to put the Jayhawks up four. Goodrich followed with a pair of buckets.

"It's one of those games you wish you could get those six minutes back and do it again," Bluder said.

Kachine Alexander had 23 points and 17 rebounds to lead Iowa (2-1). The Hawkeyes were short-handed ,with four players currently sidelined with injuries. That left only nine players in uniform, two juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen.

"I think we ran out of gas the last 6 minutes, but that's what we've got," Bluder said of the short bench. "We've got to fight through that."

Kansas Coach Bonnie Henrickson thought her team did a good job of executing its offense during the pivotal 11-0 spurt. Prior to that, she thought the Jayhawks were too passive against Iowa's zone and man-to-man defenses.

"We kind of stood around and watched," Henrickson said. "We weren't ready."

Henrickson served as an assistant coach at Iowa for two years in the mid-1990s and helped the Hawkeyes win a pair of Big Ten titles. She said she was proud to come back to Carver-Hawkeye Arena with the Jayhawks.

"Proud to bring a good team in here and be competitive," she said. "Good memories. It's hard to believe it's been 12 years."

Kansas jumped to a quick 11-0 lead and appeared headed for a blowout. The Hawkeyes missed their first eight shots, including five 3-pointers. However, Alexander scored five quick points and Iowa rallied to tie the game at 13.

### Sizing up his defender



Colby eighth grader Jay Ziegelmeier dribbled down the court while being guarded by Connor Mountford at basketball practice Tuesday at the grade school gym.

ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

## Denver Broncos quarterback determined to return to action

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The ligaments in quarterback Kyle Orton's left ankle are torn. He certainly isn't.

Orton wants to start Sunday against San Diego and help the Denver Broncos snap out of a month-long funk that has wiped out their 3½-game cushion over

the Chargers in the AFC West.

Orton, in the final year of a contract that pays him a relatively paltry \$1 million, has played through enough leg injuries to know it's not wise to rush back into action before he's healthy.

He just wasn't the same quarterback in Chicago after spraining

his other ankle midway through last season.

Eventually, the Bears soured on Orton and sent him and a bevy of draft picks to Denver for Jay Cutler.

Still, his defiance was palpable Wednesday before he sat out practice.

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